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From: Parsons, Bobbie
Sent: Tuesday, March 05, 2013 4:47 PM
To: Dolan, Brenda
Subject: FW: Follow up to Freedom of Information Request: 5 oldest FOIA requests (DOC)

Please see below. Says he sent in 2010. He wants to open a new case if not already open.

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From: Requests Muckrock [<mailto:requests@muckrock.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, March 05, 2013 4:33 PM
To: Parsons, Bobbie
Subject: Re: Follow up to Freedom of Information Request: 5 oldest FOIA requests (DOC)

Here is a copy of my request including the date it was sent. Please provide the status of the request. If a case is not open, please open one.

From Jason Smathers on Dec. 13, 2010:
To Whom It May Concern:

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act. I hereby request the following records:

All records referencing the five oldest FOIA and Privacy Act requests which are still being processed that contain remarks, comments, notes, explanations, etc. made by your personnel or contractors about the processing of these requests (and appeals, if appropriate), the invocation of exemptions, or related matters. This is to include any analysts' notes made during the processing of the requests, any standard worksheets completed by the analysts, any justifications for exemption invocations or other supporting documentation provided to the Appeals Authority, and any correspondence referencing the requests, including tasking orders, emails, and coordination documentation. However, any records previously released to the original requesters in unredacted form may be excluded from this request. Additionally, please provide the initial request letters for the 5 oldest open FOIA/PA requests:

When processing this request, please note that the D.C. Circuit has previously held that agencies have a duty to construe the subject material of FOIA requests liberally to ensure responsive records are not overlooked. See *Nation Magazine, Washington Bureau v. U.S. Customs Service*, 71 F.3d 885, 890 (D.C. Cir. 1995). Accordingly, you are hereby instructed that the term "record" includes, but is not limited to: 1) all email communications to or from any individual within your agency; 2) memoranda; 3) inter-agency communications; 4) sound recordings; 5) tape recordings; 6) video or film recordings; 7) photographs; 8) notes; 9) notebooks; 10) indices; 11) jottings; 12) message slips; 13) letters or correspondence; 14) telexes; 15) telegrams; 16) facsimile transmissions; 17) statements; 18) policies; 19) manuals or binders; 20) books; 21) handbooks; 22) business records; 23) personnel records; 24) ledgers; 25) notices; 26) warnings; 27) affidavits; 28) declarations under penalty of perjury; 29) unsworn statements; 30) reports; 31) diaries; or 32) calendars, regardless of whether they are handwritten, printed, typed, mechanically or electronically recorded or reproduced on any medium capable of conveying an image, such as paper, CDs, DVDs, or diskettes.

I also request that, if appropriate, fees be waived as I believe this request is in the public interest. The

requested documents will be made available to the general public free of charge as part of the public information service at MuckRock.com, processed by a representative of the news media/press and is made in the process of news gathering and not for commercial usage.

In the event that fees cannot be waived, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 20 business days, as the statute requires.

Sincerely,

Jason Smathers

On Tue, Mar 5, 2013 at 4:19 PM, Parsons, Bobbie <bParsons@doc.gov> wrote:
Hi Mr. Smathers,

Your request says on "Dec. 13, 2010", I had the Departmental FOIA Officer check her logs for "2010" and we have no record of receiving this FOIA request.

Was it supposed to be "Dec. 13, 2012"?

Just trying to get some clarification so that I can help you with who received your FOIA request.

Thanks,
Bobbie

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